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1. IN SEP 20 PRESS CONFERENCE MINLABOR OTERO STATED THAT COMPANY, SUPERVISORY AND PARALLEL UNIONS WOULD BE FORCED TO GIVE UP INDEPENDENT STATUS AND INTEGRATE WITH MAJOR NATIONAL UNIONS. CITING STATUTES NEW LAW OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, OTERO STATED THAT HENCEFORTH THERE WOULD BE BUT ONE UNION PER SECTOR OR ACTIVITY, AND THAT ALL UNIONS WOULD BE AFFILIATED WITH HIGHER LEVEL FEDERATIONS AND CONFEDERATIONS. HE EXPLAINED THAT AFFECTED UNIONS WOULD BE CALLED TO THE MINISTRY WITIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND INSTRUCTED TO INCORPORATE THEMSELVES INTEGRALLY, OR AS BRANCH OR LOCAL UNIONS OF NATIONAL UNIONS OR FEDERATIONS. THOSE WHO REFUSED TO COMPLY VOLUNTARILY WITH ORDER WOULD LOSE LEGAL STATUS AND BE FORECEFULLY INTEGRATED.

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2. OTERO CITED JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY EXISTENCE OF

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SUPERVISORY UNIONS IN WATER & ENERGY, STATE PETROLEUM, LIGHT
& POWER, METAL, TELEPHONE, AND STATE EMPLOYEES UNIONS AS
EVIDENCE OF NEED FOR ALIGNMENT UNION MEMBERSHIP. HE ALSO
NOTED THAT THERE WAS "NO REASON WHATSOEVER" FOR UNIONS SUCH AS
RAILWAY HEALTH WORKERS (SANIDAD FERROVIARIA) AND RAILWAY SIGNALMEN
(SENALEROS) NOT TO BE AFFILIATES OF RAILWAY WORKERS UNION (UF).
HE OBSERVED THAT THOSE SUPERVISORY AND PARALLEL UNIONS HAD
BEEN ORGANIZED DURING PAST 18 YEARS BY ANTI PERONIST GOVTS
IN EFFORT TO WEAKEN UNION MOVEMENT. OTERO ADDED THAT SPECIAL
ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN IN THE CASES OF PARALLEL UNIONS CREATED
BY DISAFFILIATED SUBORDINATE UNIONS SUCH AS "LUZ & FUERZA
CORDOBA", WHICH IS DIRECTED BY TROTSKYITE AGUSTIN TOSCO.

3. COMMENT. MINLABOR HAS BEEN WORKING TO END PARALLEL UNIONS
ON INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS FOR PAST FEW MONTHS. HE SUCCESSFULLY
INCORPORATED PROVINCIAL CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS AND MILK WORKERS
INTO LARGER ORTHODOX CONTROLLED ENTITIES; HOWEVER, HE BACKED
DOWN WHEN UNION OF NON-TEACHING PERSONNEL OF BUENOS AIRES NATIONAL
UNIVERSITY (APUBA) RESISTED ABSORPTION BY STATE WORKERS ASSOCIATION
(BA 3890). ALTHOUGH MOST UNIONS ARE LIKELY TO OFFER AT LEAST
TOKEN RESISTANCE, THE OPERATION WILL PROBABLY BE CARRIED OUT
RELATIVELY SUCCESSFULLY. NET RESULT WILL BE FURTHER CONSOLIDATION
TRADE UNION POWER IN HANDS OF FEWER, BUT MORE POWERFUL UNIONS
AND LABOR LEADERS.
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